

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (New): A deformable mat of at least one web comprising:

at least one reinforcing substance and at least one thermoplastic substance, these substances being in a form of at least one continuous yarn and/or chopped yarns, and the yarns being bonded together so that the mat has an elongation at break in all directions of at least 50%.

Claim 18 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the mat has an elongation at break in all directions varying from 100% to 150%.

Claim 19 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the yarns consist completely or partly of filaments of a reinforcing substance and filaments of a thermoplastic substance.

Claim 20 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 19, wherein the yarns comprise at least 50%, or at least 80%, by weight of commingled yarns.

Claim 21 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 20, wherein the commingled yarns consist of glass filaments and filaments of a thermoplastic organic substance or polypropylene.

Claim 22 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17, containing at least 10%, or 30% to 85%, by weight of reinforcing substance.

Claim 23 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17, wherein the chopped yarns have a length of less than 100 mm, or between 20 and 60 mm.

Claim 24 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17, having a porosity ranging from 65 to 80%.

Claim 25 (New): The mat as claimed in claim 17,  
having a weight per unit area of at least  $700 \text{ g/m}^2$ , or less than  $4000 \text{ g/m}^2$ .

Claim 26 (New): A process for manufacturing a deformable mat as claimed in claim 17, which comprises:

depositing, on a moving substrate, at least one continuous yarn and/or chopped yarns including at least one reinforcing substance and at least one thermoplastic substance to form a web;

subjecting the web to a treatment for bonding the yarns together in order to form a deformable mat; and

collecting the material.

Claim 27 (New): The process as claimed in claim 26, wherein the yarn bonding treatment is carried out by stitch-bonding with a binding thread that is finer than the yarns of the web.

Claim 28 (New): The process as claimed in claim 27, wherein the binding thread has a linear density of between 40 and 300 dtex and the bonding is carried out by stitching.

Claim 29 (New): The process as claimed in claim 26, wherein the yarn bonding treatment is carried out mechanically, by moderate needle punching or by exposure to pressurized water jets.

Claim 30 (New): The process as claimed in claim 26, wherein the yarn bonding treatment is carried out by localized melting of the thermoplastic substance, especially by corona discharge or by ultrasound.

Claim 31 (New): The process as claimed in claim 26, wherein the yarn bonding treatment is carried out by provision of a hot-melt adhesive.

Claim 32 (New): The use of the material as claimed in claim 26 for manufacturing composite parts by molding.

Claim 33 (New): The use as claimed in claim 32, wherein the molding is vacuum molding or compression molding.